

NEXT TOWN ASSEMBLY

Village of Arden

Monday, March ²⁶19, 2001

7:30 p.m.

Arden Gild Hall

AGENDA

Voting for Village Committee positions
Registration Committee

Trustees Report

Budget Proposal
Advisory Committee

Committee Reports in Regular Order

Public town meeting * ALL ARE WELCOME

Please note: Those attending town meeting are eligible to vote after six consecutive months as an Arden resident prior to the meeting and are 18 years old or older.

**Town Assembly for the Village of Arden
Monday, January 22, 2001
Gild Hall - Arden, Delaware**

Bill Press	Tim Colgan	Allan Kleban
Leon Tanzer	Alton Dahl	Sadie Sommerville
Aaron Hamburger	Sally Hamburger	Johanne Schroeder
Mary Taylor	Barbara Henry	Danny Schweers
Hugh Roberts	Deborah Kenney	Frank Akutowicz
Peggy Aumack	Ruth Bean	S.Lou Bean
Peter Renzetti	Sue Rothrock	Gail Rinehart
Cecilia Vore	Edward Rohrbach	Lynda Kolski
Tom Frantz	Jane Frantz	John Demsey
Chris Demsey	Liz Resko	Marguerite Archer
Helen Ohlson	Mark Zylkin	Elizabeth Varley
Larry Walker	Joan Zylkin	Betty O'Regan
Denis O'Regan	Pamela Politis	Jan Westerhouse
Tom Wheeler	Neal Ann Stephens	Amy Hill
Mary Marconi	Beverly Barnett	Dion Taylor
Eliot Levin	Roberta Perkins	Steven Threefoot
Linda Lipstein-Hagger		Joan Fitzgerald

1. Meeting called to order: The meeting was called to order the town assembly chairperson. Bill Press.
A few residents requested to make some announcements.

Ruth Bean: A petition, sponsored by the Delaware Million Mom March, was available to sign requesting our legislators to pass 'common sense gun laws' in Delaware.

Amy Pollock: Upon a request to Stephanie Hanson and Tom Gordon, they printed a special copy of the Arden's exceptions to the Home Occupation ordinance on parchment paper with original signatures suitable for the Archives. This will be presented to Archives after the Ardentown Town meeting in February.

Bill Press: The American Institute of Public Service is an organization which recognizes residents for the volunteer work performed in their community over a period of time. Bill presented **Lou Bean** with a certificate acknowledging his willingness to jump in and do the things that should be done around town and all ways with a smile on his face. Bill presented **Peggy Aumack** with a certificate acknowledging all the volunteer work she has done over the years and all ways with enthusiasm.

Bill Press also reminded us of the Centennial we just celebrated this past year along with the organizing and the volunteers it took to make it successful.

Kick-off party January 2, 2000 - Irene O'Connor, chair

Wine and Cheese Book signing - Peggy Aumack, chair

Lecture Series - Mark Taylor, chair

Pageant - the largest event

Delaware Art Museum - Mark Taylor, chair

Arden Birthday Bash - Lynda Kolski, chair

Henry George Day - Rodney Jester, chair

Art Show - Peggy Aumack, chair

Special thanks to all!

2. Correspondence: None

3. Minutes from the last town meeting were approved.

4. New Residents: None

5. Registration Committee:

The Registration Committee met on Oct. 17 and reviewed our list of current residents and eligible voters. The ballots for the annual Budget Referendum and Assessors Election were counted on November 8, 2000, and results were sent to the Town Chairman, Bill Press. A copy is attached. There was a 65% participation of all eligible voters. All budget items passed under current rules (approved by a majority of participating voters) as well as previous and more stringent rules (a majority of all eligible voters).

At each Town Meeting we intend to have our latest list of residents available for review. This list is at the entrance table and we appreciate any corrections or updates. We also have an introduction to the Town Meeting for newcomers or anyone who would like a brief explanation of our procedures.

We also appreciate notice of new neighbors so we can deliver a Welcome packet. The Welcome Hither packets are actively being delivered to newcomers (about a dozen since the last meeting) by volunteers. Anyone who is interested in joining this group of volunteers should contact Cecilia Vore.

According to our latest count, we have 508 residents in the Village:
401 adults and 107 children under 18. Of these 387 are eligible voters.

Elections for standing committees and town officers will be held at the March meeting. We will now announce nominations and take further nominations from the floor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia Vore
Chairman, Registration Committee

November 17, 2000
William Press
Chairman, Arden Town Assembly
1809 Harvey Road
Arden, DE 19810

Dear Bill,

Here is a summary of the results of this year's annual Budget Referendum and Assessors Election, held Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Buzz Ware Village Center.

The following residents were elected to the Board of Assessors:

Alton Dahl, convener
Peter Renzetti
Carl Falco
Lynda Kolski
Steven Threefoot
Elizabeth Varley
Mary Marconi
(Barney King, alternate)

Under the current requirements (a majority of voting residents), 119 votes were needed to pass the budget. There were 174 votes to "approve the entire budget," so the budget for 2001-2002 passed easily. There were 11 votes to "disapprove the entire budget" and 51 ballots with itemized disapproval. Only two items, donations to ACRA and the Arden Library, received no disapproval. Disapproval of individual items ranged from 19 (Archives, Playground Equipment) to 1 vote (Legislative Reference, Special Cleanup). Since 118 disapproval votes were needed to defeat an item, all budget items passed by a wide margin. Detailed election results have been given to the Town Secretary.

You may be interested to know that, under our original requirements (a majority of *all eligible voters*), 184 votes would have been needed to pass the budget. Even under these rules, with unreturned and invalid ballots counting as "no" votes, all budget items would have passed. The two items with the most disapproval would still have passed by a margin of 22 votes.

According to our latest records, there were 366 eligible voters at the time of the election. We received 239 valid envelopes, giving us a 65% participation.

Respectfully yours,

Cecilia Vore
Registration Committee, Chairman

Report approved.

Nominees for March 2001 Arden Committee Elections:

* incumbents

Archives

3 positions
Terry Colgan
Linda Eaton*
Allan Kleban*
Roberta Perkins
Danny Schweers
Mark Taylor*

Audit

2 positions
Christine Demsey*
Cookie Ohlson

Playground

3 positions
Bill Busch
Mary Vernon*
Larry Walker*

Budget

3 positions
Marianne Cinaglia*
Mary Marconi*
Jeff Politis
Liz Resko
Danny Schweers
Mark Zylkin*

Civic

3 positions
Walter Broadbent*
Aaron Hamburger*
Susan Rothrock
Ken Sutton*
Lynne Svenning
Dion Taylor

Community Planning

3 positions
Beverly Barnett*
Phil Fisher
Mary Marconi*
Ruth Panella*
Pam Politis
Jane Frantz

Legislative Ref.

3 positions
Brooke Bovard*
Hays Butler
Joan Fitzgerald*
Amy Hill
Christine Schubert
Christine Demsey

Registration

2 positions
Jennifer Borders*
Jane Frantz
Natalie Hubbard
Ruth Bean

Safety

3 positions/2yr
Charlie Hahn
Denis O'Regan
Steve Harcourt
Rick Reynolds

BWVC

3 positions/2yr
1 temp position/1yr
Tom Frantz
Allan Kleban*
Barbara Henry
Lynda Kolski
Linda Lipstein Hager
Pam Politis
Ed Rohrbach
Debbie Theis

Officers

Town Assembly Chair
Bill Press

Town Secretary
Joan Fitzgerald

Advisory Chair

Alton Dahl

Treasurer

None

6. Civic Committee:

September 25, 2000
Revised: December 7, 2000

PARKING POLICY FOR THE GREENS

1. No parking is permitted on the Greens when there are available paved parking spaces or space on nearby leasehold rights-of-way.
2. To reduce the need for parking spaces, The Arden Club and the Buzz Ware Village Center should encourage residents of the Ardens to walk to events that they are sponsoring. All participants at events should be encouraged to car pool.
3. For Sherwood Green:
 - a) The entrance at the east corner (on The Highway) will be closed with a removable chain and a sign that states "No Vehicles - Park On Paved Lots".
 - b) Boulders will be placed to block all other access routes to Sherwood Green.
 - c) At the basketball court a sign will be posted indicating parking for the court is in front of the Buzz Ware Village Center.
 - d) During large events, at either the Gild Hall or the Buzz Ware Village Center, managed parking on the Green will be permitted when all paved parking areas are filled. Management of parking, including removal and replacement of the chain, will be the responsibility of the group organizing the event.
4. For the Arden Green:
 - a) Parking will be on leasehold rights-of-way around the Green.
 - b) During unusually large events, such as the Arden Fair and Shakespeare performances, when sufficient parking is not available on nearby rights-of-way, managed parking will be allowed on the Arden Green by appropriate permission from the Civic Committee. Management of parking is the responsibility of the event organizer.
5. The event organizer is responsible for repair if there is any damage to the grounds from parking on the Sherwood or Arden Greens.

Report approved

7. Trustees Report:

To: Village of Arden Town Assembly

Re: Trustees' Report

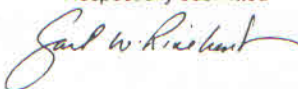
Date: January 22, 2001

1. Land Rent Bills are in the process of being prepared. Leaseholders can expect to receive them around the middle to the end of February. A timely reminder to those residents who are 65 years old or older and to those who may qualify due to a disability. Both New Castle County and the Brandywine School District offer structured rebates on the real estate taxes. Because of recent increases in the specific amounts included in these rebates, it certainly is advisable to investigate the applicability of this opportunity to your particular circumstance. The process is to call the County Department of Finance for the particular criteria and an application form as it is the County that applies the exemption, not the Trust.
2. As many of you know, the recent tree survey conducted by the Civic Committee has identified several trees on leaseholds that may be considered diseased or decaying to the point of being hazardous. If you are one of the leaseholders who received notification of a tree in poor condition, please remember that your lease requires that you secure permission from the Trustees before proceeding to removed the tree. This is a simple reminder of process. Certainly the Trustees will cooperate in this endeavor.
3. The communications antenna are now in place on the water tower. We should begin to receive our monthly payments soon.
4. We are making progress on the non-conforming special use zoning status for the pre-1954 multiple dwelling lots. We have agreement on three or four key points and are working on a policy statement as well as the specific details. Once that aspect is complete, we will take it to the lawyers for review and revision.
5. An issue that appears to be surfacing more and more as lots come up for transfer to new leaseholders is the encroachment of improvements onto an adjacent leasehold or the Village lands. While some of this problem is carried over from many years ago, there also are several situations that have developed within the past ten to fifteen years. Over the past four years we have had to deal with six specific encroachments where the location of improvements such as fences, sheds, driveways, etc. belonging to one leasehold was wholly or in part over the surveyed lot line. While in most instances the problem has been resolved amicably, there is no doubt that it can be a costly problem to fix and certainly it has led to hard feelings between some of the parties. In extreme instances, as was a recent case, the Trust secured a judgement in court against a leaseholder who violated the conditions of the Lease Agreement because of actions that were injurious to the rights of another leaseholder. Our message is that leaseholders need to be sure of where the boundary lines for their lot are.

located when they are considering the placement of improvements of any sort on their lot.

6. Finally, the quarterly financial report is on the table and considered to be a part of this Trustee report. I will refer you to some items on the second page that show expenditures over the budgeted amount. First is the Buzz Ware Village Center line item. The committee, in fact, has not overspent its funds because \$750.00 of the \$1,255.10 expenditure is from a Delaware Division of Arts Opportunity Grant received this Fall. The more serious over-expenditure is shown under the Trustees legal fees which indicates us over by almost \$4,600.00. This is a direct result of the increase in activity relating to the Buckingham Green lawsuit, costs incurred but recoupable for the water tower/Sprint arrangement, and the above referenced encroachment. That money we have already recouped. Hopefully the legal fees are done with for this fiscal year. Additionally, the Centennial Committee line item is overspent by almost \$2,300.00. However, this is because of the cost outlay for the tee shirts. To counter that, sale of the tee shirts has brought in \$5,944.00, generating a profit of \$3,644.00 for the Village to date.

Respectfully submitted -



Report approved.

Acknowledgment and appreciation went to Lynda Kolski for her successful sale of the tee shirts.

Village of Arden

Receipts and Bank Balances December 31, 2000

Balance in Bank March 25, 2000		77,898.37
Receipts:		
Grants	1,530.00	
Interest & Dividends	663.94	
Land Rent:		
Past Fiscal Year(s)	1,406.49	
Present Fiscal Year	138,204.97	
Future Fiscal Year(s)	60.21	
Meadow Lane Access Rent	575.54	
Memorial Garden Donations	2,173.00	
Miscellaneous	6,876.50	
Rights of Way:		
Cable TV	2,233.46	
Roads	5,464.24	
	SUBTOTAL Receipts	159,188.35
Redeemed Investments	+	261,000.00
New Investments	-	132,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		288,188.35
 Receipts & Starting Bank Balance		366,086.72
Expenditures Against Budget		348,354.52
Balance in Bank as of December 31, 2000		17,732.20

NOTE: Investment Position

Arden Building and Loan	105,761.26
Vanguard Money Market	76,514.90
Other:	0.00
TOTAL Investment Position	182,276.16

Signatures:

Trustee:

Admin. Assist:

Paul W. Puschak

Elizabeth Vailley

Village of Arden - Expenditures Against Budget March 25, 1999 to December 31, 2000

Budget Item	Budgeted Amount	Expenditures F.Y. to Date	Expenditures Since Last Report	
Committees:				
Archives	3,980.00	1,975.50	1,065.50	Notes:
Buzz Ware Village Center	1,000.00	1,255.10	(f) 1007.19	(a) Deferred Revenue (Audit *99-00):
Buzz Ware VC. Renovations	6,000.00	2,631.80	2,631.80	1998 Bond Bill One-Time-Aid to Local
Centennial Celebration	8,000.00	10,794.47	4,550.84	Governments \$3,058.00
Civic: Commons & Forests	16,000.00	13,140.92	7,704.62	DOT-00-P-Prog-23 \$9,220.00
Civic: Roads	15,000.00	14,624.85	11,977.25	
Civic: Special Clean-up	2,000.00	92.40	0.00	(b) Deferred Revenue (Audit *99-00):
Civic: Trash Collection	38,000.00	28,080.38	12,607.96	Traffic Calming 97-P-Prog-117 \$893.29
Community Planning	1,500.00	187.20	124.16	Urban Forestry III \$66.27
Legislative Reference	300.00	0.00	0.00	(c) Deferred Revenue (Audit *99-00):
Playground	1,700.00	1,104.48	1,015.06	NCC Pass-Thru Grant I \$4,400.00
Playground Equipment	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	
Registration	3,250.00	1,928.01	1,100.42	NCC Pass-Thru Grant II \$5,000.00
Safety: General	600.00	181.12	90.56	
Safety: Town Watch Coordinator	2,268.00	1,701.00	756.00	(d) Expenditures:
Welcome Hither	300.00	0.00	0.00	One-Time-Aid to Local Governments - \$163.00
Salaries:				
Assembly Secretary	5,531.00	3,772.89	1,676.84	00-P-Prog-23 - \$9,220.00
Bookkeeping Services	2,273.00	1,548.09	688.04	00-P-Prog-84 - \$780.00
Other Line Items				
Acquisition Committee/Craft Shop	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	(e) Expenditures:
Acq.Com./Craft Shop Match Funds	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	NCC PassThru Grant I - \$2,127.31
Board of Assessors	100.00	0.00	0.00	
Donations: ACRA	700.00	700.00	0.00	(f) Expenditure includes \$750.00 from
Donations: Arden Library	450.00	450.00	0.00	Delaware Division of the Arts Grant
Donations: Arden Page	1,150.00	1,150.00	0.00	
Donations: Fire Companies	950.00	950.00	0.00	
Gild Hall Rental	800.00	800.00	0.00	
Telephone	504.00	142.15	64.57	
Contingencies	2,000.00	652.88	0.00	
Items Not Subject to Referenda				
Memorial Garden Fund	N/A	3,207.48	2,031.80	
Civic: Grants	(a) 12,278.00	(d) 10,163.00	0.00	
Com. Plan.: Grants	(b) 1,059.56	0.00	0.00	
NCC Pass-thru Grant	(c) 9,400.00	(e) 2,127.31	0.00	
Taxes: New Castle Co. Property	63,800.00	56,703.28	56,703.28	
Taxes: School	160,000.00	146,050.62	146,050.62	
Administrative: Auditing	4,000.00	4,100.00	0.00	
Administrative: Insurance	7,000.00	5,014.00	0.00	
Administrative: Legal	10,000.00	14,598.89	12,183.89	
Administrative: Office Rent	2,100.00	1,575.00	700.00	
Administrative: Operations/Fees	6,500.00	2,174.27	310.92	
Administrative: Payroll Taxes	2,000.00	2,982.69	1,197.09	
Administrative: Salary Ad. Asst.	9,084.00	6,813.00	3,028.00	
Less Accrued Taxes		(1,413.26)	(592.56)	
TOTAL	433,077.56	348,354.52	270,673.65	

8. Agenda Clarification: The committee reports will be given in reverse order tonight.

9. Safety Committee: Tim Colgan, chairperson.
Special election to fill a vacancy caused by a member resigning and the alternate not wanting to serve.
Eliot Levin was nominated unanimously to serve again on the committee.

The Safety committee's responsibility is not to report individual acts of violence to the Town Assembly. If there are a number of crimes reported around the same time, the Assembly will be advised. If you see a crime or are a victim, contact the police. Then notify us.

Harvey Road Traffic Calming Committee: Tim Colgan will be stepping down from the Safety Committee.

Motion: I (Tim Colgan), with the support of the Safety Committee, nominate Steve Harcourt (a current member and running again for re-election) to take his place on the Traffic Calming Committee.

Motion seconded.

Motion approved.

Motion: That the Village of Arden does support speed limit enforcement on Harvey Road;

That the 3 Arden's contribute funding for and distribution of collected fines equally;

That the 3 Arden's each contribute \$2,000 to fund a contract with the Delaware State Police for speed limit enforcement;

That enforcement is to be of the speed limits on Harvey Road between Sconset and Marsh Roads;

Administrative responsibilities to be worked out by the respective Town Chairperson or their designate.

Motion seconded.

Discussion: Safety could contribute \$700 from their budget towards the \$2,000. The cost is \$45/hr for the officer and vehicle with a minimum of a 2 hour patrol. The revenues collected will be from the speeding fine, not any other fees. Tim cautioned the Assembly that if supported, this is not a substitute for the Traffic Calming on Harvey Road.

The patrol will send a good message to the communities that we are serious about slowing traffic down on Harvey Road while waiting for DELDOT's proposal.

Bob Pollock, David Scott, and Tim Colgan plan to meet with the Mayor of Odessa and the State Police to get their input. Odessa has the patrolling done on Rt.13. It has taken them about 1 year to recoup their investment and they are now operating at a break even cost.

Community Planning will be able to contribute \$700 with the balance of \$600 from the Contingency Fund.

We will advise the State Police of our position to be of "Zero Tolerance" with the speed limit. We want the speed limit of 25mph to be strictly enforced. Exact location of the patrol has not been worked out yet. It was also suggested that we let the surrounding communities know about this patrol.

Motion read again.

Motion seconded.

Motion approved.

10. Registration Committee: Report given during the nominations.

11. Playground Committee:

During the past four months, the required Playground Inspections were conducted, and all equipment is in safe condition. The wood chips under the equipment have been maintained to cushion children falling off of the swings, climbers, and slides.

The Committee received approval through Referendum a Budget Item for \$2,300 for purchasing and installing two soccer goals. These will be ordered this month to take advantage of last season's prices, and the delivery and billing will be in late March to accommodate payment during the next Fiscal Year. These will be installed initially on the Sherwood Green near the baseball diamond, and the placement will enable either a soccer game or a baseball game to be played, utilizing basically the same playing field.

Submitted by,

Larry L. Walker
Chairman

Discussion: Actual location of the goals were reviewed, along with the possibility of the goals being moveable.

Report approved.

12. Legislative Reference: No report.

13. Community Planning:

Sherwood Green

The plan is now being implemented. The first plantings have gone in and implementation will continue with Civic Committee. On Monday, February 19, Community Planning will co-sponsor with the Gardener's Gild a talk on "Small Flowering Trees" by Kris Benarcik from the Delaware Center for Horticulture. Kris's slide lecture will discuss good flowering specimens for the Ardens' landscape. It is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Gild Hall.

Avery Task Force

We have reactivated the Avery Task Force, which was formed 4 years ago to look at the impact of development on the Avery property adjoining Sherwood Forest and what, if any, Arden's options might be. Since survey flags have been appearing on the property, we feel it's time to look at the situation again since many things, including the county code, have changed since then. Members of the task force are: myself, Marianne Cinaglia, Tom Frantz, Aaron Hamburger, Bill Press, Jannie Stearns and Tom Wheeler. We will be having our first meeting in the next few weeks. Anyone who is interested in being notified of meetings should let me know and I'll put you on the notification list.

Harvey Road

Several personnel changes and other administrative issues at DelDot continue to delay the design phase of the traffic calming plan for Harvey Road. We have been assured that things will be on track and moving along soon.

Landmark

The State Historic Review Board held a site visit in the Ardens on October 26 to hear justification for nominating all three Ardens as a traditional cultural property to the National Register of Historic Places. On January 10, the New Castle County Historic Review Board approved the nomination of the Three Ardens Historic District, and has sent it to County Executive Tom Gordon for his signature. Once Gordon signs it, then the State Historic Review Board can vote, which will probably be in February or March. A copy of the nomination document is available in the Library if anyone is interested in reading it.

County Village Overlay

The New Castle County Land Use Department is putting together a group of volunteers to help draft an overlay for the Unified Development Code that will address the village or home town idea. It would provide unincorporated areas like Claymont and Hockessin a way to fit into the UDC. We plan to monitor the process to see if it has any application to the Ardens. If anyone is interested in participating in this group, see me and I will give you the information to volunteer.

Vacancy

One of our committee members, Mary Brent Whipple, has moved out of Arden to Ardencroft, and can no longer serve on the committee. I would like to move that our alternate Ruth Panella, be elected to fill the remainder of Mary Brent's term.

(This didn't need a vote after all.)

Report approved.

14. Civic Committee:

We received notice this fall that sand barrels will no longer be provided throughout the community. State regulations were reviewed by the new DELDOT contact for this area and it was determined that only state maintained roads qualified for sand barrels. Some locations were designated and these will be evaluated for effectiveness and new locations established if necessary. Two barrels with a sand/salt mix were purchased for Pond Lane; one was placed at the top of Pond and The Highway, the other was placed in the beer garden across from the Levin leasehold.

A section of post and rail fence on Miller near Marsh has been completed as part of an attempt to discourage dumping. Three wooden signs were posted along the area that read NO DUMPING VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED. We will be making arrangements for the existing piles of branches to be removed.

The stone wall at the end of Pond Lane has been repaired and was reinforced with steel rods to enhance the stability of the structure.

Various street signs have been knocked down with the snow and icy conditions this winter - interestingly enough, no one has called to apologize for these instances. Lou Bean has been working on repairing these but will have to wait for the ground to thaw to place them back in the ground.

Aeration of the Greens which was scheduled for this fall was not provided due to equipment problems experienced by the contractor. This has been rescheduled for March.

The canopy tree survey was completed in early December. There were 29 leaseholds with a total of 31 trees found to have moderate to significant decay detected by core testing. These leaseholders were notified by mail shortly after the results of the survey were obtained. Another 92 letters were mailed recently to leaseholders who had any trees tested or evaluated. Any participating leaseholds who did not receive letters either did not have canopy trees on their property or were found to be in good health. Seven trees were found on the Commons or on town land with four needing more immediate attention. Copies of some tree service providers are available to any who inquire.

Sherwood Green planting continues with a series of articles in the Arden page composed (with my everlasting gratitude) by Bev Barnett. These feature descriptions of trees still needed in the plan. We appreciate interested parties who would like to donate toward purchase of any of the trees.

A revised copy of the parking policy for e greens is available. There are some additions to the trail policy which seems to have been effective in correcting most complaints. I would personally like to make a request for the occasion the chain is not replaced promptly - instead of noting it solely for purpose of registering a complaint - take a moment and replace it. It is not difficult - I have done it. These oversights will, hopefully, be minimized. There will be a six month period of observation to document problems with chain replacement, and damage to the green issues.

NOMINATIONS

Walt Broadbent
Ken Sutton (RE-ELECT)
Aaron Hamburger

Lynne Svenning
Dion Taylor
Sue Rothrock

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A Kenney
Civic Committee Chairperson

Report approved.

15. Buzz Ware Village Center:

BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER
2119 THE HIGHWAY
ARDEN, DE 19810

Arden Town Meeting
January 22, 2000

BWVC Committee Report

1. NOMINEES:

- a. Our committee wishes to make two motions. First Motion: "We move to extend Rachel Grier-Reynolds' term to the first temporary position to one more year." Second motion: "We move to retain the second temporary position for another year." We feel that an extended committee is still necessary for our endeavors, both in upgrading the building and in implementing programming.
- b. Nominees for the upcoming vacancies are: Allan Kleban, Debbie Theis, Tom Frantz, Linda Kolski, Barbara Henry, Pam Politus, Ed Rohrbach and Linda Lipstein.

2. PAINTING OF BUILDING: The budget for this was passed and we are anticipating the project will be done in the late spring. We are currently working on color schemes and obtaining several more estimates from painting contractors.

3. COMPLETED RENOVATIONS: The renovations in rooms 3 and 4 greatly contributed to the success of the November Art Exhibit and continue to enhance the Coffee Houses and other BWVC functions. These renovations included the new floor in rm 3, renovations of the common wall in rms 3 and 4, track lighting in room 3 and the lockable sliding glass doors for the hallway display case. We are in the process of putting in a dedicated electrical outlet for the kiln which was contributed to the BWVC by Betty O'Regan. We also received a potter's wheel donated by Sanford School. We are in need of someone who can fabricate a splash pan for this wheel and then it will be functional. We are hoping ACRA will get a lot of use out of these two additions this summer. We will be applying for another DE Div. Of the Arts grant with the hopes of finishing the track lighting in rm 3 and installation in rm 4; also the purchase of display panels and stands. We recently had new programmable thermostats installed in rooms 3 and 4 (thanks to Alton Dahl for volunteering his time to do this). Hopefully this will eliminate the problem we have been having with groups meeting in the rooms and then forgetting to turn the heat back down, creating an unnecessary increase in our already pricey fuel bills this winter!

4. ART EXHIBITS:

- a. We wish to express what a success the Centennial Arts and Crafts Exhibit was. I think we were all pleasantly surprised at the number of people who exhibited in the show, volunteered their time to present it, and came out to enjoy it. Our special thanks go to Peg Aumack and all the volunteers who participated in this truly community-oriented event.
- b. The display case is available for residents' use. We'd like to have monthly exhibits. There will be no rental charge for the space but if an item is sold due to the display we will ask for a 10% commission. For further details contact Betty O'Regan.

5. POSTER CONTEST (with cash prizes): "The National Trust for Historic Preservation is sponsoring a National Historic Preservation Week poster contest to celebrate some of America's best loved and most endangered community landmarks - older and historic neighborhood schools." Ok, November's exhibit attests that we do have "artists coming out of the woodwork", so for anyone interested, I do have some copies of the announcement here tonight. You can talk to me after the meeting or contact me later. Submissions must be postmarked March 31, 2001.

6. UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE BUZZ:

- a. **Crafters Session:** Tuesday, January 30th at 7:30 P.M. Bring whatever you're working on.
- b. **Valentine Creations:** Come join Ruth Bean and others on Sunday, February 4th from 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM in room 4.
- c. **Coffee House:** February 9th (always 2nd Friday of the month) from 8 - 11 PM
- d. **Games Night:** February 10th (2nd Saturday of the month). **BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!** After this month's HOT and HEAVY Battle of the Sexes over Trivial Pursuit ("hotly debated and heavily attended," that is), Games Night will be held every Saturday following the Coffee House. A new challenge each time!
- e. **Monthly "Art Happenings":** February 17th (every 3rd Saturday of the month). Russ McKinney will be hosting these monthly exhibits featuring various artists. Come view the art, hang out and chat with friends, listen to music, indulge in Russ' famous black bean salsa.
- f. **Saturday, February 24: A Day of Relaxation for Residents of the Ardens:** it was postponed in December. It's back just in time to treat your Valentine Day sweetheart to some personal pampering! From Noon until 6:00 PM. Table massages in Room 4; chair massages in Room 2, facials, manicures and aromatherapy in Room 1. Tea Room in Room 3 with teas, tarot card readings, soft music, puzzles to play, and comfy seating for talking with friends and neighbors. Reservations must be made for the table massages (only 8 openings). Everything else is walk-in status. Gift certificates are available. Contact me at 475-2407. We are looking for someone to design a flyer for this event. If anyone is interested, contact me, or Betty O'Regan within the next week.
- g. **Exhibit of Wildlife Colored Pencil Drawing by Carlos Pascual:** Saturday, March 3rd from 4PM - 8PM and Sunday, March 4th from Noon - 5PM. High praise from Betty for this charismatic artist and teacher from South America. He will be holding an exhibit and workshop.
- h. **Colored Pencil Workshop:** March 11th from 1PM - 4PM. Free to all residents of the Ardens; all others, \$10.00. **MUST RSVP TO BETTY O'REGAN FOR THIS EVENT.**
- i. **Monthly Committee Meetings:** 2nd Monday every month. All are welcome to sit in on our meetings.

As you can see, February and March will be "abuzz" at The Buzz. So come join us.

Respectfully submitted,


Marguerite Archer
BWVC Committee Chair

**Special recognition and appreciation to the BWVC committee
for all their hard work over the past year.**

Report approved.

16. Budget Committee:**Budget Committee Report
to Town Assembly
January 22, 2001**

At its June meeting the Advisory Committee ask the Budget Committee to look into recent expenditures not approved through referendum and to come back to Advisory with recommendations about how to handle such non-budgeted expenditures.

Recent expenditures not approved through referendum:

- Marsh & Harvey Road intersection survey.
- Craft Shop Acquisition Committee \$2,000 approved by the special Town Assembly in April, 1999.
- Centennial Committee \$2,000 (a note was omitted in the previous year's budget asking that unspent monies be carried over).
- Harvey Road tree trimming, removal & planting plan (Conectiv).

The Budget Committee met on October 11th and reviewed recent non-budgeted expenditures and came up with the following recommendations:

1. The "Contingency" line item should only be available for cost overruns for expenses that have been approved by referendum. We consider a contingency in a budget is usually for cost overruns not for new budget items.
2. If there is a cost overrun on an approved budget item, the funds for this is taken from the Contingency line and needs to be approved by both the chair of the Town Assembly and the chair of the Advisory Committee. It should also be reported to the next Town Assembly (possibly in the Advisory Committee report).
3. The Trustees should report any emergency expenditure from the Reserve to the next Town Assembly.
4. Non-budgeted expenses not deemed emergencies must be approved by a special referendum requested by Town Assembly.
5. At this time, we do not recommend increasing the Contingency line from \$2,000 since there has not been cost overruns that would justify the increase.

It was also recommended at the November Advisory meeting that a separate line item for Town Office Operations be added to the budget.

Mary pointed out the situation with the Safety Committee is an example of a committee's request to go over their budget. This would need approval of the Town Chair and Advisory Chair for the over spending.

Discussion: Gail Rinehart expressed concern over the interpretation of a 'budget'. To some it is an absolute, while to others it is a guideline. It is not unusual for a budgeted item to run over \$20, 60 or \$100. Just as it can work with money paid out. This year we paid less in taxes than anticipated

Alton Dahl indicated items over budget need to be reviewed by the Town and Advisory Chairpersons.

Aaron Hamburger stated the Contingency line item has been used for other items in the past, not just for overruns. An example was the purchase of a fax machine and the change of telephone line. Mary Marconi advised a line item for Town expenses was added to the budget.

Motion: I (Bev Barnett) move that this recommendation go back to the Budget Committee for further consideration.

Motion seconded.

Motion approved.

Report approved.

17. Audit Committee: No report.

18. Archives:

The focus of the archives Committee continues to be directed toward the Craft Shop acquisition project. The next several years will be a very challenging time for this committee. We look forward to working with the Board of Directors of the Arden Craft Shop Museum, Inc. and the members of the corporation to design a museum and archive that our community can truly be proud of.

Acquisitions this quarter include 5 table runners woven in Maude Rhodes Weave Shop circa 1916 with wool from Arden sheep, Frank Stephens' personal copy of William Morris' utopian novel "News From Nowhere"--one of the books that provided Stephens and Price with the inspiration and blueprint for Arden. A never before seen brochure for Walter White's "New School of Art" which was held in Arden during the summer of 1917 and an exceedingly "rare and important" copy of The Frank Stephens tribute "Some Songs" inscribed from Don Stephens' Upton Sinclair which reads

"To Uppie - In Memory of Arden days- Camp Fires, Field Theater, Pageants, Town Fair, Economic Classes, Esperanto Classes, Tennis Matches, The Work House, Stimulating human associations, Good Fellowship - and Patro".

Don Stephens, Arden, Del. June 1936

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Taylor

19. Arden Craft Shop Museum:

Report by Arden Craft Shop Museum, Inc

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Arden Craft Shop Museum, Inc. and the members of the Capital Campaign Committee for the purchase of the Arden Craft Shop. I am here tonight with several important announcements. The campaign has been a tremendous success. To date we have raised over \$570,000, leaving us less than \$30,000 shy of our ultimate goal. Fundraising efforts continue. Individual contributions are still coming in; several foundation grants remain outstanding; and we are confident of finishing the campaign in the foreseeable future. We would like to take this moment to that all those residents of the three Ardens who have contributed generously to this campaign.

In voting to authorize this campaign Village of Arden stipulated that a minimum of \$500,000 would be required for the project to proceed. In that we have surpassed that minimum and are close to achieving the target goal of \$600,000, The Board of Directors of the ACSM, Inc. voted of January 18th to proceed with the purchase of the Arden Craft Shop. We are currently working to determine a time schedule for:

- A) Negotiating a time settlement date
- B) The design and construction of the museum facility
- C) The necessary repairs and renovations of the building

In light of the success of the Capital Campaign, The Board of Directors, this past fall reviewed the question of participation of Ardentown and Ardencroft in this project. It is our belief and the belief of the Archives Committee that the museum will be a stronger institution and a more valuable historical reference if it includes all three villages. In order to accomplish this goal, the Board made the following proposal to each of the villages.

A) Ardentown and Ardencroft will make fair and equitable financial contributions to the capital campaign in proportion to that made by the Village of Arden based on population. Namely \$16,000 from Ardentown and \$12,000 from Ardencroft.

B) The corporation will change its by-laws and/or Articles of Incorporation to make eligible voting residents of all three villages members of the corporation.

Report approved.

20. Assessors Report: SCHEDULE FOR BOARD OF ASSESSORS 2001

January 4	Organization
	Alton Dahl was elected Chair and Carl Falco secretary
January 25	Discussion of Concepts
February 20	Discussion of Rent Factors
March 15	Discussion of Lot Size
April 10	Discussion of Domiciles
May 22	Discussion of Total Rent to be Collected
June 7	Review of Draft Report
June 19	If needed to sign final Report

All meetings will be held at the BWVC and are open to the public. Public comment will be welcome at the beginning of every meeting. Complicated statements and statements for the record should be made in writing.

Even though all meetings are open to the public, all residents will be notified (by mail) of the May and June meetings.

21. Advisory Committee: Alton Dahl reported the Advisory committee tried to schedule the topics that may have needed additional time for discussion early in the meeting. We will continue to work on this.

Ken Lipstien, Treasurer has moved out of town and the Advisory Committee concluded since the Charter states we may elect a Treasurer if we wanted, we decided not to fill the position at this time. The Budget Committee will report their recommendations at the next Advisory meeting.

22. Old Business: Lynda Kolski reported there are just a very few Centennial sweatshirts, mock turtle necks, and tee shirts available.

23. Good and Welfare: None

24. New Business: Bob Pollock, Ardencroft Chair reported they have voted to change the name of their Civic Committee to **Public Works**. Ardentown will be voting for this change in February. It is felt that when dealing with some of the government agencies a representative or the Chairperson of the Public Works Department would have a greater impact.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Fitzgerald
Town Secretary

Dear Mark Taylor,

It is with the greatest pleasure that I enclose my check in support of the Order Craft Shop Museum.

Order and everything about it had been a very important part of my life for the 18 previous years I spent there, starting at the age of 3 months in 1916. From the time I could walk and talk, I was a part of the community activities, having made my stage debut at the age of 4 as an ogre in "Celia in Wonderland", and progressing as a fairy in "Midsummer's Night Dream", part of the such scene in "Julius Caesar", the page (Valentine) in "Twelfth Night" and collaborating with a performance of Calpurnius to my father's (Matthew Topley) Julius Caesar.

My memories of the Craft Shop - of Frank Sloan - of the old Moonlight Theatre, the Guild Hall, the old swimming pool - etc. etc. - are vivid and clear in my mind.

I have such a proprietary feeling about the Order that I knew and loved, I feel that this check affirms the interesting years and establishes my connection to the Craft Shop Museum.

Forgive an 84 year old's rambling reminiscences - and accept my good wishes and hope for your passing success in this worthwhile project.

Sincerely -

Vera J. Sloan

Arden Garden Gild

As our Ardens landscape matures, small flowering trees need replenishing on our public lands and in private gardens. For example, the native cherry trees of Arden's Cherry Lane are largely gone. The native dogwoods along The Mall in Ardentown have declined due to the spreading anthracnose plague. Now, following the advice of the University of Delaware cooperative extension service, the dead dogwoods are replaced with transplants from leaseholds and diseased fallen leaves are consistently removed. As a rule of (green) thumb, small trees are shorter-lived than large trees.

To learn about good specimens for our landscape and get your gardening questions answered, plan to attend the slide lecture co-sponsored by Arden Garden Gild and Arden Community Planning Committee:

Kris Benarcik, Education Coordinator
Delaware Center for Horticulture
"Small Flowering Trees"
Monday, February 19 at 7:30 PM
Upper Gild Hall

Hold April 21 for Garden Gild's after-supper slide-lecture on tall trees by the new Director of Mt. Cuba.

At the January Garden Gild meeting, new Ardencroft resident Helen Rose was elected by acclamation as Gildmistress. Ruth Bean and Stefanie Lombardo will coordinate programs. After the business meeting, members viewed the video "A Walk Through Mount Cuba Gardens" narrated by Mrs. Lamont Dupont Copeland, with production support from Ardentown's own Stefanie Lombardo. If you would like a reminder before meetings, please leave your name and telephone number with Leon Tanzer at 475 8840.

Village of Arden • Committee members, chairs, terms • Jan. 2, 2001

Prepared by Cecilia Vore for Registration Committee. Please send Cecilia any corrections.

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Chair / phone</i>	<i>Serving until 3/01</i>	<i>Serving until 3/02</i>	<i>Alternate 3/00-3/01</i>
Archives	Mark Taylor 475-1745, 475-6920	Linda Eaton Allan Kleban Mark Taylor	Sally Hamburger Sadie Somerville	Mary Marconi
Audit	Liz Resko 475-2927	Christine Demsey Arthur Stevenson	Liz Resko	Dion Taylor
Budget	Mary Marconi 475-6819	Marianne Cinaglia Mary Marconi Mark Zylkin	Carl Falco Tom Wheeler	Phil Fisher
BWVC	Marguerite Archer 475-2407	Tim Colgan Allan Kleban Eliot Levin * Rachel Grier-Reynolds * Marj Mabrey	Marguerite Archer Betty O'Regan	vacant
Civic	Deborah Kenney 475-8033	Walter Broadbent Aaron Hamburger Ken Sutton	Lou Bean Deborah Kenney	vacant
Community Planning	L. ynda Koiski 475-1658	Beverly Barnett Mary Marconi Mary Brent Whipple	L. ynda Koiski Peter Renzetti	Ruth Panella
Legislative Reference	Elizabeth Varley 475-1098	Brooke Bovard Connie McKinney Joan Fitzgerald	Rick Grier-Reynolds Elizabeth Varley	Mary Marconi
Playground	Larry Walker 475-1098	Evelyn Knotts Mary Vernon Larry Walker	Lanier Colgan John Stevenson	Bill Busch
Registration	Cecilia Vore 475-1976	Jennifer Borders Joan Zylkin	Beverly Barnett Lizzie Broadbent Cecilia Vore	Hayes Butler Natalie Hubbard
Safety	Tim Colgan 529-1964	Tim Colgan Steve Harcourt Denis O'Regan	Ed Kelly ** (1 vacancy)	vacant

* These two additional committee positions are on a 1-year trial basis, expiring March 2001. To continue these positions, the committee must introduce a motion either to expand the committee to 7 members permanently or for a given trial period. Two nominees are required for each position up for election. Alternately, the committee may introduce a motion to extend the terms of the current members (Grier Reynolds, Mabrey) for an additional trial period.

** This position is up for election at the March 2001 Town Meeting. The committee must present 8 nominees: 6 for the 3 positions open for terms from 3/01 to 3/03; 2 nominees for a 1-year position to fill the vacancy created by the resignations of Terri Colgan and Alex Scala (tied for election in March 2000).

Town Officers 3/00 – 3/01

Town Assembly Chair: Bill Press **Town Secretary:** Joan Fitzgerald

Town Treasurer: Ken Lipstein **Advisory Chairperson:** Alton Dahl

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Dated material enclosed

- Notice of Town Meeting
- Minutes from 1/22/01 Meeting

ALL ARE WELCOME